Rail link with Manipur

*111. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Manipur is not connected by Railways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it is technically feasible to connect Manipur by rail; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Work on construction of a Metre Gauge railway line from Silchar in Assam to Jiribam in Manipur is in progress.

Nadiad-Kapadvanj-Modasa railway line

*112. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present estimated cost of the proposed Nadiad-Kapadvanj-Modasa railway line;

(b) the amount which has been spent so far on the proposed railway line;

(c) whether it is a fact that earth work on the proposed railway line has been completed; and

(d) if so, by when the proposed railway line is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Rs. 35 crores.

(b) Expected expenditure upto March, 87 is Rs. 3.90 crores.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Its completion will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming years.

Quota seats for M.Ps in IA services

*113. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no quota of seats for Members of parliament in the Indian Airlines domestic flights and difficulties are being faced in emergency cases during Session of Parliament and non-Session period; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to fix some quota of seats in each fight from delhi as well as from other airports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Indian Airlines has provided a quota of four seats (two each in Executive and Economy class) on all their Airbus flights and of two seats on Boeing 737 flights out of Delhi, during parliament Sessions. Besides, M. Ps are given priority over other wait-listed passengers on all their flights throughout.

(b) There is no proposal at present to provide exclusive quota of seats for the MPs from other stations.

*114. [*Transferred to the 12th March*, 1987].

Spurious and sub-standard medicines in the market

*115. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that markets in the country are flooded with spurious and sub-standard medicines;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases of spurious and sub-standard medicines which have come to the

notice of Government during 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the number of medicines being marketed contain less ingredients than required as per pharmacopeia;

(d) if so, what is the number of cases that came to Government's notice during last two years, year-wise; and

(e) what action has been provided under the Drugs Act against companies marketing such medicines and details of action taken during last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Medicines containing less ingredients than required as per pharmacopeia are considerd as per of standard quality under the provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act. State Drugs Controllers are empowered to take penal action under the Drugs & Cosmetics Act.

Available information received from the State Drugs Controllers on spurious and sub-standard drugs for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86 is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Cases of spurious Sub-standard drugs as reported by the State Drug Control Authorities

Year	No. of samples reportedly tested	No. of samples found sub-standard (not of standard quality)	No. of samples round spurious and Prosecuted under Drugs & Cosmetics Act	Results of Prosecution
1984-85	18504	3532	48	24
1985-86	19035	2705	32	22

Phone Exchange Lying Idle in Bombay

*116. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news Report which appeared in the Times of India of December 17, 1986 captioned "Rs. 12 crores phone exchange lying idle in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

2,000 lines containerised electronic exchange installed at Kalamboli.

The news item refers to 2,000 lines exchange at Kalamboli in New Bombay remaining unutilised and delay in installation of 3,000 lines exchange at Thurbe. The position is as follows:
Kalamboli Exchange:

The containerised 2,000 lines exchange at Kalamboli was commissioned on 27th March, 1986. The total cost of the project is Rs. 2,54,61,100/—only.

The exchange was installed on the demand of Goverenment of Maharashtra and CIDCO to enable the iron and steel stockist to shift from Bombay to New Bombay.

As on December 20, 1986, 59 telephone connections are working